

**PROPOSED AGENDA FOR SIG(I) COMMITTEE MEETING**

- I. Approval of new NITs of Current Interest
  - A. Selection of appropriate version of NITs for dissemination
  - B. Identification of required changes
  - C. Final concurrence
- II. Review of and Comment on Procedures Used in Formulation of New NITs
  - A. Effects of limitation on number of questions submitted
  - B. Impact of new format for submitting topics
- III. Concurrence on Staff Actions Responsible to SIG(I) Committee Recommendations
  - A. Refinement of the statement of the purpose of the NITs
  - B. Adjustments in NIT schedule and actions

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## PROPOSED "FOREWORD" FOR THE NITS DOCUMENT

**Foreword**

This document contains the National Intelligence Topics (NITs) of Current Interest that were developed at my request from recommendations made by senior members of the US foreign policy and defense communities, and concurred in by the Senior Interagency Group (Intelligence) Committee on Intelligence Priorities as guidance for use by the intelligence agencies of the US Government. These topics serve as a forum for policymakers to inform intelligence producers of critical needs for analysis and finished intelligence reporting and are intended to keep research and analytic efforts focused on those countries and issues of greatest concern to the policymakers during the next fiscal year (October 1983 to October 1984).

Policy elements who have identified substantive issues requiring added emphasis in the short term are listed next to each NIT. The time sensitivity of each topic is identified by a category designator (i.e., A or B) that appears in parenthesis after each topic description. The letter A indicates that a topic is of immediate concern to the policymaker, given current policy developments, and there is a need for information and analysis within six months. Category B topics are those that warrant special concern because of their relevance to US policy strategy and interests in the near term (six to 12 months) and require additional analysis and reporting to support policy decisions during that time frame.

These topics and the Community's performance with respect to them will be reviewed by the SIG(I) Committee on a semiannual basis. In support of this review, the Intelligence Producers Council will prepare semiannual progress reports on the Community's NIT-related production. New NITs of Current Interest will be developed and disseminated to the Intelligence Community in July 1984 to enable producers to use the topics as a guide in their production planning and scheduling for the next fiscal year.

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## PROPOSED NIT SCHEDULE AND ACTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIONS</u>
10 August 1983	SIG(I) Committee on Intelligence Priorities meets to approve new list of NITs.
Late August	DCI issues new NITs with a restatement of their purpose and an explanation of the categorization of the NITs in accordance with the time urgency of the consumer's need for intelligence support.
15 October 1983	IPC Staff, based on inputs from producers, identifies for SIG(I) Committee principals those NIT questions on which available data is insufficient to enable the Community to prepare a responsive product in the coming year.
1 March 1984	SIG(I) Committee on Intelligence Priorities meets to discuss report on Intelligence Community's responsiveness to the NITs (focus of report will be on Community production responses to Category A topics—questions requiring a Community response within six months).
Late April 1984	Call for inputs to new NITs for issuance in July 1984.
1 May 1984	Chairman, SIG(I) Committee on Intelligence Priorities disseminates to Committee principals a final progress report (Focus on Category B topics—questions requiring a Community response within six to 12 months—and a summary of NIT questions fully addressed in Community production) on the community's responsiveness to the existing NITs.
15 June 1984	SIG(I) Committee principals provide inputs requested by Chairman, SIG(I) Committee to IPC Staff for consolidation into a new list of NITs.
30 June 1984	SIG(I) Committee on Intelligence Priorities meets to approve a new list of NITs.
15 July 1984	DCI issues new NITs as guidance for production planning and scheduling for the fiscal year beginning in October 1984.

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